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HOUSE RESOLUTION 394

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Jim Boyer on his meritorious service as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion, and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jim Boyer of Corryton is one such distinguished public servant whose illustrious career in the House of Representatives will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 2002 Session of the 102nd General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from this august Body; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jim Boyer has for many years been a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Corryton and Knox County, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the constituents of House District 19 evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Jim Boyer by electing him as their Representative to the General Assembly, a position in which he has performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, during his five terms and ten years in the House of Representatives, Jim Boyer has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, Representative Boyer is a dynamic and aggressive participant in the legislative process and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for his outstanding contributions and his service as a member of the Transportation Committee, the Education Committee, and the Judiciary Committee; he has served adroitly as Chairman of the House Republican Caucus and the Republican Bill Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Boyer understands the connection between quality education and success in adult life, and he has worked with purpose and commitment to provide adequate funding for, and to otherwise advance the noble causes of, education at all levels; and

WHEREAS, even before his laudable efforts within the General Assembly to enhance the educational system of Tennessee, Representative Boyer was committed to the noble cause of education serving as a distinguished educator at the State Technical Institute in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, in this position, Jim Boyer garnered the unbridled respect of his students and peers as he served as the Department Head of the Civil Engineering Technology Department and was honored as the State Technical Institute's Outstanding Faculty Member in the Engineering and Technology Division in 1985 and 1986; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges of leadership, Jim Boyer has served as a member of many community, civic, and statewide organizations, including the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping and the National Society of Professional Surveyors; and

WHEREAS, Representative Boyer has also worked extensively with the Tennessee Association of Professional Surveyors, Mid-east Chapter, serving as Chairman of the Long-Range Planning Committee, 1982-83; as a member of the TAPS Educational Committee, 1984; as Chairman of Technical Sessions at the TAPS Winter State Conference, 1985; as the TAPS 1986 Convention host; coordinator, and emcee of Don Bender Day in Rockwood, 1986; as Vice President of the Mid-east Chapter, 1986; as President-elect, 1987; as President, 1988; and as a member of the TAPS Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Representative Boyer also has served on the Tennessee NSPS Board of Governors, the Board of Directors of the NSPS Foundation, Inc., the NSPS Board of Directors, and the NSPS Executive Committee; in addition to this service, Representative Boyer has also served as the Vice President and President of NSPS; and

WHEREAS, a native of Cocke County, Jim Boyer attended Syracuse University and later received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Jim Boyer is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Sue Boyer; and

WHEREAS, Representative Boyer's announcement of his retirement from the General Assembly will leave a void that will not easily be filled, and his considerable talents and energies will be dearly missed by the good people of House District 19; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it appropriate to bid farewell to our respected friend and colleague, Representative Jim Boyer; now, therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor Representative Jim Boyer on his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Corryton and Knox County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Representative Jim Boyer our best wishes for much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Representative Boyer as a token of our esteem.